

**BOARD BILL NO. 65 INTRODUCED BY: ALDERWOMAN MEGAN E.**

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1 An ordinance requiring that all votes taken by committees of the Board of Aldermen to act  
2 and report on bills and non-courtesy resolutions be recorded by the Clerk of the Board of  
3 Aldermen and a record of each committee members' vote be made and recorded as "Yea",  
4 "Nay", "Present", "Abstain", or in the event an Alderman is not present for the vote,  
5 "Absent"; and that Committee members' votes be published on the City of St. Louis' official  
6 website and digitally archived online; and requiring that a record of attendance be taken and  
7 published on the City of St. Louis's official website; and containing an effective date.

8 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen is the legislative body of the City of St. Louis and and  
9 its committees vote to act and report on bills and non-courtesy resolutions assigned to them by  
10 the President; and

11 **WHEREAS**, votes taken by the full Board of Aldermen are available online and digitally  
12 archived online committee votes are not; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the public would be better served by a more accessible archive of the votes  
14 taken by committee members that is in searchable digital format.

15 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

16 **SECTION ONE.** Codification.

17 This ordinance shall be codified in the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis. It is suggested  
18 that it be codified in what is now Chapter 3.06.

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2    **SECTION TWO.** Definitions

3    For purposes of this ordinance the term “committee” shall include all Board of Aldermen  
4    standing committees and special committees.

5    **SECTION THREE.** Attendance to be Taken

6    Attendance shall be taken at all Board of Aldermen committee meetings by a roll call of the  
7    committee members and a record thereof shall be made by the Clerk of the Board of  
8    Aldermen. The Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall ensure that a record of committee  
9    members’ attendance at meetings is posted on the City of St. Louis’ official website within  
10   seventy-two (72) hours following each committee meeting.

11   **SECTION FOUR.** Committee Votes to be Recorded

12   All votes taken by committees of the Board of Aldermen to act and report on bills and non-  
13   courtesy resolutions shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen. A record of  
14   each committee members’ vote shall be made and recorded. Votes shall be recorded as  
15   “Yea”, “Nay”, “Present”, “Abstain” or, in the event an Alderman is not present for the vote,  
16   “Absent.”

17   **SECTION FIVE.** Committee Votes to be Posted Online and Digitally Archived

18   The Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall ensure that a record of committee members’ votes  
19   to act and report on bills and non-courtesy resolutions is posted on the City of St. Louis’  
20   official website within seventy-two (72) hours following each committee meeting, and shall

1 ensure that a digital, searchable archive of committee members' votes is posted on the website  
2 within seven (7) days following each committee meeting, which shall contain at minimum the  
3 following information:

- 4 1. The number of the bill or non-courtesy resolution voted upon;
- 5 2. The name of each committee member including the President of the Board of  
6 Aldermen;
- 7 3. The vote recorded by each alderman on each bill or non-courtesy resolution, or the  
8 alderman's absence;
- 9 4. A hyperlink to the final and complete text of each bill or non-courtesy resolution;  
10 and
- 11 5. The date the vote was taken.

12 The record of the votes shall be available to the public on the City's official Web site in  
13 chronological order by committee meeting date.

14 The record of the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen published in the City Journal shall  
15 not satisfy the above requirement for a digital archive.

16 **SECTION SIX SEVERABILITY.** Severability

17 The sections, subsections and clauses of this ordinance shall be severable. In the event that  
18 any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance is found by a court of competent  
19 jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining sections, subsections, or clauses of this ordinance are

1 valid, unless the court finds the valid sections of the ordinance are so essential and  
2 inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void section that it cannot be presumed  
3 that this Board of Aldermen would have enacted the valid section without the void ones, or  
4 unless the court finds that the valid sections standing alone are incomplete and incapable of  
5 being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

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7 **SECTION SEVEN. Effective Date**

8 The effective date for this ordinance shall be \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.